



Ask Your United States Research Question

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Question 1:

Shannon: I have John Linder born circa 1858, Married to SA Rogers in 1886 Milam County, Texas. Children born 1885, 1895, wife is married to husband number 5 in 1900, of course there is no 1890 census. He may have been born in Alabama, Missouri, Indiana or Texas (per census). Can't find his death anywhere...or divorce. But my grandfather is named after him by John's son. Help me find him lol. Oh, a there is a possibility that he purchased land in Milam/Coryell in 1889 and it was later sold by a Lewis Linder (my great grandfather was Felix Lewis Linder). Sarah McKeen, married Daniel Boone Parrick, married Rogers, then Linder then Myrow. She married her last husband about 3 months after the youngest was born (Sarah has a pauper's grave). DNA has helped to narrow things down.

1. Where to look for the divorce records: Ancestry.com has a divorce record collection for Texas online. Follow the wife to see what counties she lived in. Or there may have not have been a divorce. May have just separated.
2. Look for the children to see if he is living with any of them when he was older.
3. When the land was sold may indicate when John Linder died.
4. Obituary for Sarah Rogers Linder Myrow.
5. Do research on John Linder's line, if he had siblings look for their obituaries to see if they indicate survivors of each of them.
6. Probate records for the county where they lived.
7. Church records in the area.
8. Search Ancestry.com probate collection, also check county courthouses where he may have lived.
9. Court records, possibly guardianship records where the children are named.
10. Marriage to the Myrow gentleman to see what the disposition of her previous marriage was.
11. Newspapers for the time period. Newspapers.com, Newspaperarchive.com, Chronicling America at the Library of Congress. Any mention of divorce or anything that happened to John. The website The Ancestor Hunt has advice on dealing with bad OCR for newspapers.
12. Look at the newspapers at a public library where they lived to see if there is any mention of what happened to John.
13. Prison records.
14. Military records.
15. Coroner's reports

Question 2:

Doris Miller: Jeremiah McGlinch, born abt 1814 in Ireland. He was naturalized Oct 1843. The court record only shows a notation that his 1st papers filed August 1839. The record only shows him as being a citizen of Great Britain. He naturalized in Augusta, Maine. He married in December that year. I have been trying to find his first papers with no luck. I suspect that he came in through maritime provinces of Canada but I have not been able to locate any record of him prior to his naturalization. He is one of my brick walls! Two fold research help please: 1. Suggestions on finding him at arrival and prior to naturalization. 2. I have searched for first papers in Maine with no luck. He fought Civil War and died 1864. His re-enlistment papers indicate that he was born Great Britain and a citizen, but offer no other clues. Jeremiah is my brick wall on the maternal side - others all colonial families and easy to find! Maine provides little info on vital records. He married Mary Potter in Gardiner Maine, Dec 25 1842. The family Bible begins with the marriage and records all the children but nothing further was listed. Died of illness in the war. (dysentery)

Help with where and when he immigrated. 2. Where really from. Have Ireland, Great Britain and Scotland as birth locations on census and other records.

1. Church marriage that may have more information. What about a marriage application? (Justice of the Peace marriage)
2. Halifax arrivals to Canada.
3. County histories to see if there is a biographical sketch on the family.
4. Olive Tree Genealogy, has indexes to early Canadian passenger arrivals
5. Filby's passenger arrival indexes
6. Steve.morse.org for immigration
7. See what information is available in our Library catalog for early arrivals to Halifax.
8. Unit history for the regiment he served in. Pension record for him or his wife applying for a pension. (Wife remarried)
9. Re-enlistment papers could have been made in a different place that can be searched.
10. Where he enlisted is helpful.
11. Local Maine newspapers with a write up of him dying in the war. Did they bring the body back or did it just stay in Virginia?
12. Battle for where he died in Petersburg.
13. Wife has pension at Fold3. W116243. Last card: minor's claim consolidated with widow's renewal under Act of 3 March 1901.
14. Naturalization the notation in the court records will be the only document during that time period. May only have Great Britain on them. He brought something with him or he naturalized at that point in time.
15. Fan club, finding other McGlinchs. (none in the area)

Question 3:

Melody: Having trouble with finding my Clark's. I have John S Clark born about 1808 TN married Lucinda Covington born about 1818 KY married 1838 Hardeman County, TN. Have them living in Hardeman County, TN in 1840 Montgomery County, MO in 1850 and nothing else. They have 4 boys John W 1841 - 1913 - I have DNA match and confirmation on him, Richard Elijah 1845 - 1897 - I have DNA match and confirmation on him Joel Samuel 1846 - ? 1921 - My Great Grandfather Nathaniel 1849 - ? Help, where do I look next?

1. Was there a previous marriage? What about a church marriage?
2. Land and property records to see when he got there and who he purchased the land from and possibly where he came from and who he sold the land to.
3. Make a timeline
4. Probate records
5. Census records, older Clark individuals living in Hardeman County.
6. Check with the DNA match cousins to find out who the parents of their ancestors are.
7. Following the boys and finding their death records to see if there is anything about where their parents were born.
8. Did Lucinda Covington have sisters and did they marry? Check all those surnames on land ownership maps.
9. Check the county that Hardeman was formed from for land and property.
10. Hardeman County is on the Kentucky border so search land records in the area.
11. 16 Oct 1823, HARDEMAN created from Non-County Area 12 attached to MADISON. (Tenn. Acts 1823, 15th assy., 1st sess., ch. 108, secs. 1, 5-6/pp. 113-114)
http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/documents/TN_Individual_County_Chronologies.htm#HARDEMAN
12. Atlas of Historical County Boundaries interactive maps are back too
13. County histories
14. Contact local county and historical societies.
15. Manuscript collections <https://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/>
16. Digital Public Library of America <https://dp.la/>
17. Tax records to see what township they're living in
18. Findagrave burial indexes
19. findmypast, MyHeritage, Ancestry.com Family Trees
20. Newspapers, Chronicling America at the Library of Congress
21. Memphis Tennessee has a great group that will look in Shelby and most of North Tennessee for records, they have an extensive collection of stuff. \$20